

Q32: How much Space Act Agreement (SAA) work does the Receiving and Inspection Test Facility (RITF) currently perform?

A32: The current average of SAA work performed in the RITF is 7% of the total work.

Q33: What is the excess capacity in the RITF?

A33: It is generally anticipated that the NASA Programs and Projects at JSC (i.e., International Space Station, Multipurpose Crew Vehicle, ExtraVehicular Activity, etc.) will provide work throughout the year to fill approximately 60% of the RITF capacity. Consequently, approximately 40% of RITF capacity is available for work from other JSC organizations (such as Center Operations, Aircraft Operations, etc.) and work performed under Space Act Agreements or Military Interagency Purchase Request (MIPR) relationships.

Q34: How many people currently staff the RITF?

A34: At the present moment, there are eight (8) contractors assigned full-time to the RITF. There is one-half of a civil servant full-time equivalent assigned to be the RITF Facility Manager (establishing priorities and interfacing with the JSC facilities organization). An additional NT civil servant is available to design and manufacture test fixtures. However, should that individual not be available for some reason, the Contractor would need to provide those capabilities. The Contractor is ultimately responsible for preparing all necessary test fixtures.

Q35: Who performs the maintenance in the RITF?

A35: The Contractor is fully responsible for standard maintenance and reasonable repairs in order to keep all equipment in the RITF functional and available. However, all equipment remains the property of the Government. Should an unanticipated failure occur that requires procurement of major systems or components for a particular piece of equipment, the Government will provide the necessary funding and the Contractor will procure the items and/or oversee the repair of the equipment.